

B. W. HOOKER & COMPANY

THIS STORE WILL
BE OPEN EVERY
EVENING NEXT
WEEK FOR THE
CONVENIENCE OF
XMAS SHOPPERS.



YOU CAN "LOOK
AROUND", ASK
QUESTIONS, RE-
SERVE FOR XMAS
EVE DELIVERY IF
YOU LIKE.

Gift Furniture, Carpets, Rugs--of a Kind That Always Pleases

Of late years a vast majority of people have turned from giving of impractical gifts. The giver and the recipient both realize that a useful gift is by far the most acceptable. That is why we are selling more Furniture, Carpets and Rugs at Christmas time than ever before.

Why can't your gift take the form of a beautiful piece of Furniture, a Carpet, a Rug or something in the line of house furnishings? And best of all you can purchase to the size of your purse. Here are many suggestions. They ought to help you solve the gift problem in the most satisfactory manner.



Bedroom Furniture. Much Out of the Ordinary

We have been unusually fortunate this season in being able to secure some entirely new and distinctive ideas in the line of Bedroom Furniture. If individuality in Furniture appeals to you, and you are in need of Bedroom Furniture, by all means see our special offerings in this line.

"Push the Button and Rest"



Dear Me! What Shall I Buy for a Present?

Well, if you want to make a gift to a man, get a Royal Rest Chair for him. He'll thank you every time he sits in it--which will be every time he gets a chance. You will like to sit in it, too. Back adjusts at the touch of a button, twenty different positions--foot rest if you desire it--magnetic rack which is "out of sight" except when you want to get at it.

"Royal" Chairs are beautiful Chairs--and stylish--with a thousand variations to select from, including the "loose cushion" effects now so popular. Come in and try one. Prices from \$11.50 to \$25.00

Framed Pictures for Christmas.

The new pictures for the holidays have arrived and we are showing some of them in our windows. Do not be satisfied with this display, but come in and see what we have to offer inside. We shall run our framing department right up to the last minute and try and not disappoint any who may bring pictures in to be framed. Largest line of mouldings to select from.

FIFTEEN PER CENT. DISCOUNT ON BABY CARRIAGE AND GO-CART FUR ROBES.

We will allow the above discount on what Fur Robes that we have in stock, about ten in all, until Christmas or while they last.

Doll Beds.....\$1.50.
\$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$6.00
Doll Carriages.....\$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75
Children's Chairs.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00
Babies' High Chairs.....\$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.75
Willow Bassinets, every baby needs one.....\$3.00
Nursery Chairs.....\$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.75

A Splendid Showing in Our Rug Section



Holiday buyers will find our Rug section unusually interesting just now. It's filled to overflowing with the very choicest of this season's productions in this line. Nowhere will you find so large and all-round satisfactory showing. And best of all--you'll find our prices unusually tempting.

SECTIONAL BOOKCASES FOR CHRISTMAS

We have just received a large shipment of Globe-Wernicke Unit Bookcases. No matter what the different finishes may be in different rooms, we can supply harmonizing shades of oak and mahogany.

Prices for top and base, \$2.00 each
Units.....\$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75
Other makes we can furnish are the Danner, Macey and Gunn. Prices \$2.75 per unit up

SPECIAL VALUES IN CARPETS.

In order that our Carpet Department won't be neglected by shoppers in their quest for Christmas gifts, we are offering very special values in Carpets. It's a great opportunity to add to the attractiveness of home for the holidays. Don't miss it.

Park Mills Extra Supers, all wool, per yard.....75c
10-wire Tapestry Brussels, per yard.....\$1.00 and \$1.10
Wilton Velvets, per yard.....\$1.00 and \$1.25
Remnants at all prices.
We make, lay and line Carpets.



Piece of Mission Furniture for Christmas

Great strength and artistic beauty is the keynote of the always popular Mission Furniture. It makes an ideal Christmas gift. Especially in this great stock strong in its holiday showing of the smaller and inexpensive pieces, yet the staple lines are not neglected. Choose as you may, you are certain of getting something that will please the recipient. Choose early, though, while the stocks are still complete.

Exclusive Designs in Parlor Furniture for Christmas

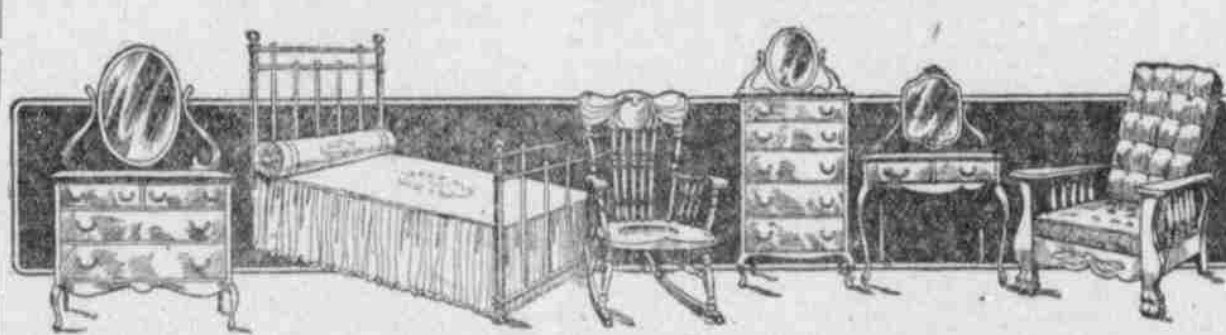
You don't want to have people coming to your home and finding your parlor furniture just like theirs or like that of someone else. You want something different and yet something correct in design, reliable in quality and a good value at the price. We can please you.

Parlor Suits.

Every Suite carried in stock is right up to the moment in style--the very latest designs from the world's greatest Furniture centers. Note these values:

Three-piece Suits, mahogany frame, velvet cushions, price.....\$25.00
Other Suits for.....\$35, \$45, \$54 and \$65
You must see these Suits to appreciate their real value.

ODD PIECES FOR CHRISTMAS



CHIFFONNIERS.....\$7.50, \$11.00, \$12.00, \$16.00 up
ROCKERS.....\$1.50, \$2.50, \$4.50, \$6.50 up
IRON BEDS.....\$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50 up
BRASS BEDS.....\$13.50, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$32.50 up
DRESSERS.....\$9.25, \$11.00, \$12.50, \$14.00 up

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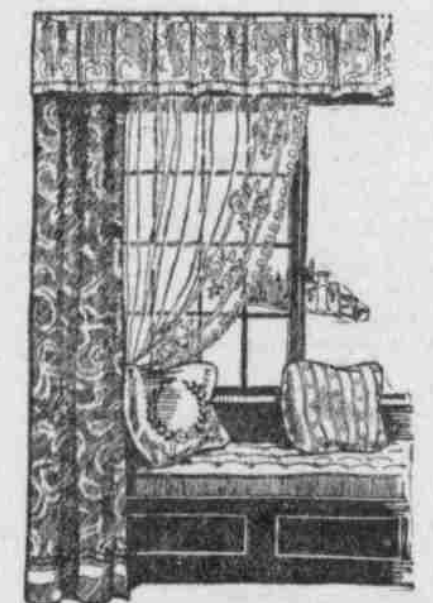
Largest House Furnishers in Vermont. Telephone, 87-11. Barre, Vermont

China Closets.

Surprise your wife. Christmas is just the time to buy her a handsome China Closet--and here is the place to buy it. A grand line to choose from. All late styles and everyone a value hard to equal elsewhere. Prices.....\$17, \$18, \$24 up

Chiffoniers.

Is there a place in your home for a pretty Chiffonier? Then give attention to our line. Here they are, standing in rows by the score--all excellently constructed of the best woods--all priced so very reasonable at every price.



Draperies, Curtains, Couch

Covers for Christmas.

If you are looking for something exclusive in the above, that cost no more than the open patterns, our lines should appeal to you in making your selections for Christmas.

VERMONT FARM VALUES RISE

Great Gain of 35 Per Cent During Past Year Shown

TOTAL VALUE \$112,327,000

The Average Value Per Acre is \$24, as Against \$18 in the Census Returns of 1900--There Are Less Farms Than Previously.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.--Census Director Durand issued today the first official statement from the census bureau relative to the agricultural statistics of the state of Vermont collected at the thirteenth decennial United States census, April 15, 1910.

It is based on a preliminary comparative summary submitted to the director by Dr. LeGrand Twiss, chief statistician of the division of agriculture in the bureau of the census. This summary shows, for both the census of 1910 and that of 1900, the reported total value of farm land, buildings, implements and machinery; total acreage; improved acreage; average acres per farm; average value per acre of farm land and buildings; average value per acre of farm land alone; and the aggregate expenditures for farm labor and fertilizers. It also distributes the total number of farms according to color of farmer; specified character of tenure; whether held free or mortgaged by owners; and by certain acreage groups.

The director calls attention to the fact that the summary's figures are subject to revision later, owing to the fact that a number of farms, whose returns are incomplete, will be included in the final tables. These additions will not, in all probability, materially modify any of the amounts or rates contained in the present statement.

The census of agriculture was taken primarily for the purpose of obtaining an accurate inventory of all classes of farm property existing on April 15, 1910; a complete exhibit of farm operations during the year ended December 31, 1909; and a statement of the number and value of domestic animals in cities and villages on April 15, 1910.

Statements relative to the acreage and yield of crops and the domestic animals of Vermont will be issued by Director Durand as soon as the tabulation of this data has been completed.

The Per Cent of Increase and Decrease. It is pointed out in the statement today that the principal rates of increase in Vermont in 1910, as against 1900, are: In the total expenditures for labor, 31 per cent; in the total value of all farm buildings alone, 43 per cent;

in the total value of all farm implements and machinery, 35 per cent; in expenditures for fertilizers, 28 per cent; in the total value of all farm land and buildings, 35 per cent; in the average value per acre of farm land and buildings, 34 per cent; in the total value of all farm land alone, 27 per cent; in the number of farms conducted by managers, 2 per cent; in the number of farms conducted by the "all owners" class, 1 per cent; and in the average acres per farm, 1 per cent.

The principal rates of decrease during the decade occurred in the total improved farm acreage, 23 per cent; in the number of farms operated by the "all tenants" class, 17 per cent; and in the whole number of farms, 2 per cent.

The statement shows in detail that the number of farms reported in 1910 was 32,598, as compared with 33,104 in 1900, a decrease of 506, or 2 per cent.

The total value in farm land and buildings was given in 1910 as \$112,327,000, as against \$83,072,000 in 1900, an increase of \$29,255,000, or 35 per cent.

The total value of farm land alone was reported in 1910 as \$58,255,000, as compared with \$45,814,000 in 1900, a gain of \$12,441,000, or 27 per cent.

The total value of farm buildings alone was given in 1910 as \$54,072,000, as against \$37,258,000 in 1900, an increase of \$16,814,000, or 45 per cent.

In 1910 the value of the farm land alone constituted 52 per cent of the total value of farm land and buildings, as compared with 53 per cent in 1900.

The reported value of farm implements and machinery was \$10,162,000 in 1910, as against \$7,538,000 in 1900, a gain of \$2,624,000, or 35 per cent.

The total acreage reported in 1910 was 4,633,000 acres, as compared with 4,724,000 in 1900, a decrease of 91,000 acres, or 2 per cent.

The improved acreage was returned in 1910 as amounting to 1,633,000 acres, as against 1,217,000 in 1900, a decrease of 416,000 acres, or 34 per cent.

The average acres per farm reported in 1910 was 143, as against 142 in 1900, a gain of 1 acre, or 1 per cent.

Average Value Per Acre. The average value per acre of farm land and buildings in 1910 is stated as

\$24, as against \$18 in 1900, a rise of \$6, or 33 per cent.

An increase occurred in the average value per acre of farm land alone, the amounts being reported as \$13 for 1910, as compared with \$10 for 1900, an increase of \$3, or 30 per cent.

Of the whole number, 32,598, of farms reported in 1910, there were 32,278 operated by white farmers and 29 by colored farmers, as compared with a total of 33,104 in 1900, of which 33,090 were conducted by white farmers and 8 by colored.

The decrease in the number of farms of white farmers during the decade amounted to 618, or 2 per cent, while there was an increase in the number of farms of colored farmers amounting to 12, or 150 per cent.

The total number of farms operated in 1910 by owners, part owners, and owners and tenants, comprising the "all owners" class, was 27,980, as compared with 27,669 in 1900, an increase of 311, or 1 per cent.

The total number of farms conducted in 1910 by cash tenants, share tenants, and cash and share tenants, comprising the "all tenants" class, was 3,990, as against 4,829 in 1900, a loss of 839, or 17 per cent.

The total number of farms operated by the "all owners" class constituted 86 per cent of the total number of farms in 1910.

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Constipation

Causes half the sickness. It retains waste in the bowels; produces biliousness, distention, indigestion, bad taste in the mouth, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia.

HOOD'S PILLS give relief promptly, safely, surely. Druggists. 75c.

FINAL CROP ESTIMATES.

Government Figures of 1910 Production Compared With Previous Years.

Washington, Dec. 16.--Final estimates of the important farm crops of the country for 1910 announced yesterday by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, are as follows:

Corn, 3,125,743,000 bushels of weight, from 114,002,000 acres; total farm value \$1,523,968,000 or 48.8 cents per bushel.

Winter wheat, 464,044,000 bushels of weight, from 29,427,000 acres; total farm value \$413,575,000, or 89.1 cents per bushel.

Spring wheat, 231,399,000 bushels of weight, from 19,778,000 acres; total farm value \$207,868,000 or 89 cents per bushel.

All wheat, 695,443,000 bushels of weight, from 49,205,000 acres; total farm value \$621,443,000, or 98.4 cents per bushel.

Oats, 1,193,765,000 bushels of weight, from 35,288,000 acres; total farm value \$384,716,000, or 34.1 cents per bushel.

Tobacco, 984,349,000 pounds, from 1,233,890 acres; total farm value \$91,439,000, of 9.3 cents per pound.

Rice, 24,510,000 bushels of weight, equivalent to 5,930,000 bags of 180 pounds, from 722,800 acres; total farm value \$16,624,000, or 67.8 cents per bushel.

monly known combination in this industry are very persistent this week, following the sale at Warren of the Massachusetts Oyster company and the plant owned by Frank Williams.

The sale had been pending for some time. The purchase must have been of some magnitude as the asking price for each of the concerns was in excess of \$150,000.

The purchaser was the Stratford Oyster company, which is one of the large branches of the Sealship Oyster system of South Norwalk, Ct. With its acquisition of the two Warren companies added to its former holdings in and about the waters of Narragansett bay, this company now holds the major portion of the producing oyster grounds in Rhode Island and its contiguous territory while at the same time it is conceded to be the largest individual holder of oyster grounds in the world.

OWEN WISTER IS ILL.

Arrives in Chicago and Takes Immediately to His Bed.

Chicago, Dec. 16.--Owen Wister, the author, is ill at his hotel here. With his friend, Walter T. Smith, he arrived in Chicago from Philadelphia, and at once took to his bed. "The physicians have not diagnosed his ailment," said Mr. Smith Wednesday night. "His condition is such that he cannot receive visitors."

Two Men Safe.

Bluefields, W. Va., Dec. 16.--Two of the men entombed in the Greene mine explosion at Tazewell, Va., Wednesday, emerged from it yesterday alive.

CORNER IN OYSTERS.

Providence Hears That One Is in Prospect.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 16.--Rumors of an attempted corner in the oyster business of the country or as it is com-